

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2014-R-01
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
January 21, 2014
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Raul G. Salinas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Raul G. Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	District I
Esteban Rangel,	Mayor Pro-Tempore, District II
Alejandro Perez, Jr.	District III
Juan Narvaez,	District IV
Roque Vela, Jr.,	District V
Charlie San Miguel,	District VI
Jorge A. Vera,	District VII
Cynthia Liendo,	District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.	City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of December 02 2013.

Motion to approve the December 2, 2013 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

- a. Presentation by CLEAResults and AEP of a \$62,589.00 check as it relates to energy efficiency projects City-Wide.

Ryan Smith stated that the City of Laredo had been an active participant in the CitySmart program since 2007. He added that this check was a savings of 417 kilowatts off the grid during peak time.

- b. Presentation by Paty Guajardo, President of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA), of the 117th Celebration Commemorative Poster to the Mayor and City Council.

Paty Guajardo along with Veronica Castillon, Eddie Villarreal and Jeff Puig thanked Mayor and Council for inviting them back and showed their poster, themed "Greatness Starts Small." They invited the public to join them on Thursday for the Commander's Reception and brought copies of the *By George* magazine.

- c. Invitation by Laredo Main Street for the 16th Annual UETA Jamboozie Street Festival to be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Roque Haynes extended an invitation to Mayor and Council to the Jamboozie Street Festival.

Victor Garcia stated that the festival would include Celso Piña and that it would last from 5:00 p.m. until midnight.

- d. Presentation by South Texas Food Bank on the City Wide Food Drive "Love Can Stop Hunger", scheduled for February 14 - March 14, 2014.

Sarah Lamm along with Salo Otero, Mike Kazen, Roberto Diaz and Angie Osterman invited Mayor and City Council to see how much food they could contribute during their month-long food drive. She also announced that Wednesday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. at LCC Fort Macintosh Campus in room 101 there would be a documentary shown called "A Place at the Table."

Recognitions

- a. Recognition by the Mayor and City Council of the Laredo Fire Department employees that retired from the City of Laredo with twenty (20) or more years of service.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Laredo Fire Department retirees Captain Carlos Cabello who served 29 years and two months; District Chief Juan Ramon who served 27 years and 10 months; Assistant Fire Chief David H. Piton who served 27 years and 11 months; Fire Fighter Gerardo Rangel who served 23 years and 8 months; Captain Ricardo Venegas who served 32 years and 11 months; Fire Fighter Sergio X. Garcia who served 32 years and 11 months; Fire Inspector Juan Meza, Jr. who served 30 years and 2 months; Captain Juan A. Cazares who served 23 years and 8 months; Driver John Hundsnursher who served 28 years and 2 months; Captain Mario A. Flores who served 28 years and 2 months; and Fire Fighter Oscar Garza who served 28 years and 10 months.

Citizen comments

Rolando Herrera, representing LULAC, said that he was referencing the article from the Laredo Morning Times and that their concern was the problems with the youth. He added that in other cities, schools were assisted by the city government. He asked that the City of Laredo contact the school boards to see what assistance was needed.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Juan Narvaez of Maria Elena Guantos to the Laredo Commission for Women.

Motion to approve the nomination of Maria Elena Guantos to the Laredo Commission for Women.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning all of Block 1773, Eastern Division, located at 2900 Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway, from B-1(Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of the applicant, stated that the site plan showed the intent of the property to be developed as a 24-hour outpatient emergency clinic which would be the first one in the south Laredo area.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance No. 2006-O-034 authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a daycare on Lot 6, Block 1645, Eastern Division, located at 2716 Corpus Christi Street by changing permit holder; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District III

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lot 4, Block 1520, Eastern Division, located at 2507 E. Saunders Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District IV

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.377 acre tract, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", and located at 5510 U.S. Highway 59, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a

restaurant selling alcohol on Lots 3 and 10, Block 1, Alexander Commercial Subdivision Phase I, located at 1713 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 2; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit.District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 31.53 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the 6300 Block area of Bob Bullock Loop, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) and AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.37 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the 6300 Block area of Bob Bullock Loop, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 0.4559 acre tract, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at the southeast corner of Shiloh Drive and Snow Falls Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning recommends approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Omar Peña and Fred Guerra spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on all of Blocks 1024 and 1025, Western Division, located at 4100 San Bernardo Ave., Suite E1, E2, and 1/2 of E3; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

George Hachar reported that this was a replacement tenant for a unique restaurant for Laredo and that they hoped it would provide a different type of Chinese food for the community.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Liendo

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 214, Western Division, located on the 1220 San Agustin Avenue, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VIII

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Liendo

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for auto sales on Lot 3 and part of Lot 6, Block 1774, Eastern Division, located at 2915 Blaine Street Rear; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is not in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District II

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 891, Eastern Division, located at 1618 and 1620 Chihuahua Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is not in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District III

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2011-O-043 authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a roofing company on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1537, Eastern Division, located at 2601 E. Ash Street, by deleting conditions numbers 5, 6 and 13; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit amendment. District IV

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Nathan Bratton reported that item and the next one pertained to the same property. He explained that one was a request for a conditional use permit amendment and the other was a request for a zone change from an R-1 to a B-1. He added that they were asking for certain conditions within conditional use permit to be removed; however, staff agreed only with the removal of the condition pertaining to parking for the patrons. He concluded that they did not favor the zone change request to a B-1 zone because it would open the area up not only to roofing but also to other types of businesses and also because the property was located next to an elementary school.

Juan Botello of 2604 East Ash stated that he was against the amendment of the conditional use permit for safety reasons. He mentioned the requested removal of the condition of the right for employees and clients to park on the right-of-way and prohibiting loitering. He said that many people used that area including children walking to school.

Ron Whitehawk on behalf of JJ Roofing Company reported that they were asking that certain conditions be lifted because they related to off-street parking and the use of the public right-of-way. He explained that those conditions had placed a burden on the applicant to police the public right-of-way and also require the owner to prevent people from loitering on his property after hours when he was not present.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with the following changes: that conditions 5, 6, 13 and 14 be eliminated and that the applicant present a revised site plan prior to the next City Council Meeting and final ordinance review of this item that provides access to Texas Street from the property.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 2

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza
Cm. Narvaez

Cm. Perez
Cm. Vela
Cm. San Miguel
Cm. Liendo
Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Cm. Vera was not present.

Motion failed.

14. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 1537, Eastern Division, located at 2601 E. Ash Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the zone change. District IV

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 10.22 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the 6300 Block area of Bob Bullock Loop, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is not in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

16. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSEE and Harmony Public Schools, a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, for an approximately 28,800 sq. ft., Building 1005 located at 4608 Daugherty Avenue and approximately 2,200 sq. ft. Building No.1006, Laredo, Texas located at 616 Leal St., as well as a portion of Block No.18 of the Laredo International Airport Subdivision Plat. The lease premises will be used for a public school. Lease term is for eleven (11) years commencing on February 01, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2025 with two (2) consecutive ten (10) year renewal options. The initial base rent is \$15,000.00 per month, to include Annual CPI Adjustments and Fair Market Appraisal at each ten (10) year anniversary and providing rent abatement for certain improvements; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

17. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Supplemental Lease Agreement No. 4 to Lease No. GS-07B-1 5259 approved by Ordinance No. 2002-O-325 dated December 16, 2002, amended by Ordinance No. 2005-O-112 dated May 16, 2005, and further amended by Ordinance No. 2008-O-090 dated May 5, 2008, and further amended by Ordinance No. 2008-O-225 with General Services Administration for approximately 1,313 square feet constituting office space occupied by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Said Supplemental Lease Agreement No.4 extends the lease term five (5) years until November 17, 2018, and 30-day termination rights. The monthly rent amount is \$4,001.18 and shall be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. All other terms and conditions of lease remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Chapter 24, Section 24.65.14 (16)(c) Amusement Machine Establishment by deleting subsection (c), Hours of Operation and renumbering accordingly and providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Cm. Garza said that in the Land Development Code, no other business had these type of restrictions – not even sexually oriented businesses. He added that they were segregating certain types of businesses. He went on to say that his concern was some places allowed alcohol to be brought in

and that they should restrict this instead.

Cm. Vela stated that this was a controversial issue and that the only way he would entertain the idea would be if they were able to write a prohibition against alcohol into the ordinance.

Motion to direct staff to amend the Laredo Land Development Code, Chapter 24, Section 24.65.14 (16)(c) Amusement Machine Establishment by deleting sub-section (c), Hours of Operation and renumbering accordingly and to add a prohibition against consumption of alcohol on-premise unless the establishment is licensed to sell alcohol and must close at 2:00 a.m.; and to add to the legislative agenda to include amusement redemption machines in the sales tax collected by the city and to regulate their payouts.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 4	Against: 2	Abstain: 2
Cm. Garza	Cm. San Miguel	Cm. Narvaez
Cm. Perez	Cm. Liendo	Mayor Pro Tem Rangel
Cm. Vela		
Cm. Vera		

Motion failed.

Motion to direct staff to amend the Laredo Land Development Code, Chapter 24, Section 24.65.14 (16)(c) Amusement Machine Establishment by deleting sub-section (c), Hours of Operation and renumbering accordingly and to add a prohibition against consumption of alcohol on-premise unless the establishment is licensed to sell alcohol and must close at 2:00 a.m.; and to add to the legislative agenda to include amusement redemption machines in the sales tax collected by the city and to regulate their payouts.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 3	Against: 4	Abstain: 1
Cm. Garza	Mayor Pro Tem Rangel	Cm. Narvaez
Cm. Vela	Cm. Perez	
Cm. Vera	Cm. Liendo	
	Cm. San Miguel	

Motion failed.

19. Amending Ordinance 2012-O-060 by including newly created voting precincts; making a minor adjustment to the common boundary of Council

Districts V and VII to follow property lines; updating the descriptions of the Council Districts and Voting Precincts accordingly; providing for publication; and providing of an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

20. Ratifying the execution of easement documents for the conveyance to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company a 25,063.50 sq. ft. easement lying wholly within the Laredo International Airport Terminal Subdivision Plat, City of Laredo, Texas as recorded in Volume 16, Pages 45 - 47, Webb County Plat Records; said easement being more particularly described by boundary survey and metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A. This easement tract is being requested for new communication lines to service the Fire Rescue Facility within the Municipal Airport and providing for effective date. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

21. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a License Agreement by and between the City of Laredo, Texas, a municipal corporation and Bestel USA, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, dated February 4, 2014 for the use of one (1) innerduct in the Juarez Lincoln Bridge and 566 linear feet of right-of-way.
 1. Term of the agreement shall be for five (5) years commencing at 12:00 am, February 4, 2014 and terminating at 12:00 pm on February 3, 2019.
 2. Annual duct fee shall be \$25,525.64 and will increase by five percent (5%) every year the license is in place. In addition to the duct fee, Licensee shall pay a seven dollar and 67/100 (\$7.67) linear foot right-of-way fee, and will increase by five percent (5%) every year. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

22. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a License Agreement by and between the City of Laredo, Texas, a municipal corporation and VTX Communications, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company, dated February 4, 2014 for the use of one (1) innerduct in the Juarez Lincoln Bridge and 640 linear feet of right-of-way.
 1. Term of the agreement shall be for five (5) years commencing at 12:00 am, February 4, 2014 and terminating at 12:00 pm on February 3, 2019.
 2. Annual duct fee shall be \$25,525.64 and will increase by five percent (5%) every year the license is in place. In addition to the duct fee,

Licensee shall pay a seven dollar and 67/100 (\$7.67) linear foot right-of-way fee, and will increase by five percent (5%) every year. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

23. Authorizing the City Manager to convey easements and right of way to AEP Texas Central Company located at, and to serve, the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant, one (1) conveyance over a 0.8106 acre tract and one (1) conveyance over a 0.8464 acre tract as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit A; and providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

24. Amending Article II, Chapter 28, Sign Regulations of the Code of Ordinances by amending the following:

Section 28-20 Adding new definitions;
Section 28-21 Creating exceptions for animated signs and removing placement of signs on private property;
Section 28-22 Providing for animated sign fee;
Section 28-24 Revising portable & vehicle signs;
Section 28-25 Adding and modifying provisions that allows for the use and regulation of animated signs;
Section 28-27.2 Adding Installations requirements for electronic, message displays and animated signs;
Section 28-28.1 Modifying permitted sign dimensions table (freestanding sign)
Section 28-28.2 Modifying permitted sign dimensions table (attached sign)
Section 28-28.3 Modifying permitted sign dimensions table (historic freestanding sign)
Section 28-28.4 Modifying permitted sign dimensions table (historic freestanding sign)
Renumbering all sections accordingly;
Providing a repealing clause, severability clause, a penalty clause; and providing for publication effective date.

Chris Stokes from Lamar Advertising stated that he was involved with TxDOT in the inception of the digital billboard rules. He said that digital billboards had to be 1,500 feet apart; however, when the ordinance was originally written in Laredo, digital billboards had not been thought of. He explained that this ordinance change would allow a large sign to operate as an off-premise without a TxDOT permit; however, if it were larger than 15 square feet it would require a permit.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 1

Cm. Perez

Against: 7

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Cm. Narvaez

Cm. Vela

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Vera

Cm. Liendo

Motion failed.

Cm. Garza clarified that currently the ordinance spoke to the signs having certain distance requirements if they were above a certain square footage; this meant that they should add language that included signs of any size. He added that these rules should apply city-wide. He concluded that whatever TxDOT requires should also be a local requirement such as no video or animation.

Robert Hachar, a TxDOT licensed billboard operator, explained that his objective was to try to capsule this ordinance since his job hinged on these ordinances. He stated that TxDOT was very stringent when it came to digital signage but that this ordinance was very inconsistent. He said that the main inconsistency was that it would open up hundreds of off-premise signs on McPherson without spacing. He added that if anyone thought that they could do whatever they wanted on their property within city limits, if they owned a lot in Winfield they could not put even a small auto parts store on that lot. He went on to state that McPherson could contain up to 1,200 messages at eye level with these changes included. He advised that he could not find any other Texas city that broke the spacing rule because of size.

Motion not to have mobile signs.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Cm. Garza

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Cm. Narvaez

Cm. Vela

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Vera

Cm. Liendo

Against: 1

Cm. Perez

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council except Cm. Perez

25. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Tesoro Medical Care, P.A., as Lessee and the City of Laredo, as Lessor for real property formerly known as the Santo Niño Library located at 2200 Zacatecas and consisting of approximately 49,968 square feet of total building space. Annual rent shall be deferred in the first year and, thereafter to be paid in monthly installments of \$19,124.00. Tesoro will be given rental credits for all of its out-of-pocket construction costs for mandatory repair and improvements to the premises. The premises are leased in "As Is" condition. The lease term is ten (10) years with two (2) consecutive five (5) year extensions at the option of the Lessee, providing for an effective date. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances 2014-O-001, 2014-O-002, and 2014-O-003.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. 2014-O-001 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a dedication of 7.82 acres for park land and a payment of \$144,550.00 from Laredo Four Winds in lieu of dedication of 4.13 acres of park land for a total of 11.95 acres in the Cuatro Vientos Norte and Sur Subdivisions as required by the City of Laredo Capital Improvements Services Plan; any additional single family lots will need to be paid for as they are added to the master plan; and amending the 2013-2014 Capital Improvements Fund to appropriate revenues and expenditures, provided by Laredo Four Winds, in the amount of \$144,550.00 for park improvements at Cuatro Vientos Norte and Sur Subdivisions.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-001.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-002 Re-adopting guidelines and criteria governing tax abatements by the City of Laredo; providing for severability; providing for an effective date of January 21, 2014 through January 20, 2016; and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-002.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-003 Authorizing the City Manager to sell "the surface only" of surplus Lots 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53, Block 5, Highland Park III to the sole bidder, KRK Limited of Laredo, Texas for the amount of \$250,501.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the rightful conveyance of said lots.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-003.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

27. 2014-R-01 Accepting the donation of a 1,064.13 square foot parcel of land from Jorge W. Saiden Aguirre and wife Luz Del Carmen Saiden. Said parcel being out of Lot 1, Block 5, Sierra Vista Subdivision, Unit I, as recorded in Volume 3, Page 14A of the Webb County Plat Records; and described on attached Exhibit 1. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-01.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. 2014-R-05 Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the execution of two (2) license agreements between the City of Laredo and the United States General Services Administration for the purpose of the construction and operation of security enhancements and temporary structures (improvements) at Lincoln/Juarez Bridge and World Trade Bridge on City property (southbound). The term of the agreements are effective for an initial five (5) year period with two (2) options

to renew for an additional five (5) year period each.
(Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-05.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. 2014-R-06 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute sixty four (64) Cooperative Working Agreements/Mutual Assistance Agreements/Memorandums of Understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department and various federal, state and local agencies, including but not limited to: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), SCAN, et al., a comprehensive list is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens, with no cost to the City of Laredo. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-06.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

30. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Laredo Community College (LCC) reaffirming the commitment to work in partnership during times of Disasters and Community Wide Emergencies. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Amending the HOME Investment Partnership Program Policy and Procedures Manual as required by updates to the 2013 Home Final Rule. The following changes are proposed in order to meet HOME Regulations requirements:

1. Include underwriting standards for downpayment assistance loans that

require the mortgage to income ratio not exceed 31 % and the debt to income ratio not exceed 43%.

2. Make down payment loans subject to anti-predatory mortgage lending policies in regards to fees, loan terms and other lending practices that are disadvantages to the homebuyer and do not promote homebuyer sustainability.
3. Revise the DPA assistance forgivable loan to a maximum of \$14,999 for all households with incomes at 80% or below area median income. DPA assistance will be determined based on the underwriting guidelines to ensure the housing units affordability.
4. Include additional underwriting requirements for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) proposed projects to ensure project completion and the preservation of affordable housing units. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration for approval of the Ryan Elementary School Gym Canopy as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$4,820.00 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$48,200.00. Funding is available in the 2008 C.O. - Ryan/St. Agustin Basketball Canopy. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration for approval to reject the sole bid received for the electrical repairs to flood damages at Bridge of the Americas and Old Import Lot since notice to bidders called to award a contract within sixty (60) days which days have now expired. Approval is requested to revise plans and specifications and re-bid the project. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to award contract number FY14-022 to provide temporary contract employees to the following bidders:

1. Staff Force, Laredo, Texas, as the primary vendor; and
2. Elite Employment Services, Laredo, Texas as the secondary.

Contracts will be awarded to a primary and secondary vendor in order to provide the City of Laredo with a quality labor pool for those departments that might require temporary staff members throughout the fiscal year. All bids were evaluated utilizing a best value evaluation grading system. All services will be secured on an as needed basis and the estimated contract amount for this fiscal year would be approximately \$3,800,000.00. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to offer a contract as the primary vendor to HR Solutions and contract to the secondary vendor to Elite Employment Services.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez

Cm. Garza

Cm. Vela

Cm. Narvaez

Cm. Vera

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Liendo

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated for the record that only if the company caught someone hiring individuals without notification would they charge the \$1,500 fee.

Jonathan Ruiz clarified that where the temp-to-hire agreement was, the markup was with a 90-day working temp-to-hire agreement. Therefore, after 90 days, six months, and a year, there would be no fee as stated in the document. If in one or two years they were not selected and an employee transferred to a different company, there was no fee charged to the city.

35. Authorizing the City Manager to award Amendment No. 1, to the professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$9,100.00 to Arrendondo, Zepeda & Brunz, L.L.C., (AZ&B) San Antonio, Texas for additional surveying along East Hillside Rd. and North Bartlett Ave. for the Alta Vista Neighborhood Water Main Replacement Project. Funding is available in the 2012 Construction Project/Line Rehabilitation Revenue Bond. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Authorizing City Manager to approve contract with Presidio Network Solutions from San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$124,349.41 for the El Pico Water Treatment Plant Phone Systems providing for equipment, software, installation, and maintenance. Funding is available in the 2010 Water Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of November 2013, represent a decrease of \$21,593.16. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of December 2013, represent a decrease of \$401,004.05. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Authorizing the City Manager to waive parking permit fees for parking meters, no parking anytime, and loading zone areas for the 2014 UETA Jamboozie Festival on Saturday, January 25, 2014. A total of two hundred twenty (220) parking meters and thirty six (36) loading zones will be utilized at \$7.50 each. The total estimated revenues the City of Laredo is requested to waive is \$1,920.00. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

40. 2014-R-02 Authorizing City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$100,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for Enforcement of Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 1, 2014 and runs through September 30, 2015. This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will match 30% of the grant funds.
41. 2014-R-03 Authorizing the City Manager to sign a water rights agreement, between the City of Laredo and Mr. Bill McKendrick III whereby the City is agreeing to purchase the right to divert and use 49.995 a/f per annum of Class B water rights to the Rio Grande River at \$1,200.00 per a/f for a purchase price of \$59,994.00 and 166.65 a/f of Class A water rights at \$1,500.00 per A/F for a total of \$249,975.00 for a grand total of \$309,969.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to sign and file necessary application(s) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on behalf of the City requesting that said water rights be severed from Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2761 C of the seller and combined with Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-3997 as amended of the City and that the point of diversion, purpose and place of use of said water rights be changed as required by the City. Funding is available in the Water Availability Fund.
42. 2014-R-04 Authorizing City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$75,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for Enforcement of Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 01, 2014 and runs thru September 30, 2015.

This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will need to match 30% of the grant funds.

- 43. 2014-R-07 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute an amendment to the contract for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program in the amount of \$37,540.00 from The Texas Department of State Health Services to reimburse the salary of staff in training for the dietician program. The term period is from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.
- 44. 2014-R-08 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$50,982.00 with an in-kind match of \$5,098.00 for a total of \$56,080.00 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Mass Fatality Preparedness Project to provide training, simulations, technical assistance and conferences to train and educate public health and health care partners on mass fatalities and health response to emergencies and also to purchase equipment for mass fatalities for the term period from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

XII (b) MOTIONS

- 45. Consideration to award a software maintenance contract to the sole source provider, HTE Sungard, in the amount of \$305,269.03. This maintenance contract provides customer support and service for the HTE OSSI computer software system utilized by the Police and Fire Departments. The term of the contract is for twelve (12) months ending on December 31, 2014. Funding is available in the Police and Fire Department annual budgets.
- 46. Consideration to award a contract to Medapoint in the amount of \$51,007.00 to provide web based subscription and technical support to EMS services, collections, medical coding, billing and training services for the term of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Funding is available in the Health Department Budget for EMS Billing Services.
- 47. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract in the amount of \$449,500.00 with Northeast Noise Abatement Corporation of Warwick, Rhode Island for the residential sound insulation of thirty-five (35) housing units in support of the City of Laredo International Airport Noise Compatibility Program, Phase VII.
- 48. Authorizing award of 2012 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$132,147.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc., to assist

in part with the construction of approximately five (5) homes in the Los Obispos subdivision; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of the same.

49. Consideration for approval of award of the CDBG Sidewalks City-Wide Project No. 56 (26 Blocks – District VII) as complete, approval of change order No. 1 a decrease of \$9,884.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$18,160.60 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$135,561.95. Funding is available in the CDBG 37 th Action Year/2011 Grant.
50. Consideration to award a contract to Ayala Pools, Inc., dba/Sunset Pools, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$400,000.00 (\$26,000.00 for Design and \$374,000.00 for Construction) for the CDBG El Eden Recreational Swimming Pool for design, plans/specifications and construction with a contract time of approximately forty-five (45) days for design and approximately four (4) months for construction; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the Community Development 39 th Action Year/2013 Grant.
51. Consideration for approval of the City of Laredo Fire Department Administration Center as complete, approval of change order No. 1, a decrease of \$1,132.79 for the balance of the betterment allowance, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$64,650.76 to Leyendecker Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$6,998,867.21. Funding is available in the 2009 C.O. Bond.
52. Consideration for approval to ratify award of a professional services contract to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Dallas, Texas for an amount not to exceed \$137,814.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Laredo International Airport Perimeter Fence Replacement, Gate Replacement and Gate Relocation. Design work is to be approximately three (3) months. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.
53. Consideration for approval of award of construction contract to the lowest bidder ABBA Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$992,050.00 (which includes the base bid and alternates nos. 1 – 5) for the Canizales Boxing Gym Expansion with a construction contract time of two hundred fifty-seven (257) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Completion date for the project is scheduled for October 2014. Funding is available in the 2009 C.O. bond.
54. Consideration to award construction contract to the lowest bidder L.D. Kemp

Excavating, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas in the amount of \$2,967,985.70 (which includes the base bid and alternate no. 1) for the Construction for a New Disposal Cell (Phase 3 Cell 1) at the City of Laredo Municipal Landfill Located at 6912 Hwy. 359 with a construction contract time of one hundred fifty (150) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Completion date for the project is scheduled for August 2014. Funding is available in the 2012A C.O. Issue - Landfill Cells.

55. Consideration to award contract FY1 4-012 to the low bidders, Laredo Hardware Company, Laredo, Texas and Kully Supply, Inc., Burnsville, Minnesota in the estimated amount of \$184,909.39 for the purchase of plumbing supplies for City maintenance and repair projects. This is a two (2) year contract and all items will be purchased on an as needed basis throughout the year and for various City departments. This contract may be extended for an additional year period upon mutual consent of both parties. Funding is available in the Parks and Leisure, Airport, Public Works, Civic Center, Health, Solid Waste, Laredo Transit Management Inc., Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and Utilities Departmental budgets and is contingent on funding for the second year.
56. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY14-010 for the purchase of general electrical supplies to all City departments in an estimated amount up to \$150,000.00 to the following vendors:
 - 1) Consolidated Electrical, Laredo, Texas Primary Vendor
 - 2) 3-G Electrical Supply, Laredo, Texas Secondary Vendor
 - 3) Gateway Electric, Laredo, Texas Secondary Vendor

This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those electrical supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the respective user departmental budgets.

57. Consideration to award supply contract FY14-001 for the purchase of general office supplies for all City departments to the following bidders:
 1. Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas
 2. Patria Office Supply, Laredo, Texas

This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those office supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. Approximately \$450,000.00 is spent on office supplies and copy paper on an annual basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as

of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for the additional extensions are subject to future budget appropriations. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the user departmental budgets.

58. Consideration to award annual contract FY14-023 to low bidder Mayfield Pool Supply, Laredo, Texas in an estimated amount up to \$74,938.90 to provide pool chemicals for all City pools. Funding is available in the Parks and Leisure Services Department budget.
59. Consideration to authorize the purchase of four (4) 72" riding mowers, one (1) 60" riding mower, three (3) gator utility vehicles, two (2) compact utility tractors, two (2) lawn tractors, and two (2) rotary tillers from John Deere Government & National Sales, Cary, North Carolina in the total amount \$150,256.23 for the Parks and Leisure Services Department. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available from the 2013 Personal Property Finance Contractual Obligation Bond (PPFCO) proceeds.
60. Consideration to authorize the purchase of protective structural firefighting suits for the Fire Department from Dooley Tackaberry, Deer Park, Texas through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing in the total amount of \$221,575.00. Funding is available in the Fire Department's operational budget.
61. Consideration to award contract FY14-030 to the low bidder, Galls, L.L.C., Lexington, Kentucky in the estimated annual amount of \$225,000.00 for the purchase of uniforms, boots, and accessories for the Fire Department. These items are included in the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Firefighters Union. Each firefighter has a \$600.00 clothing allowance that may be used to purchase any of the listed items in the agreement. The term of the contract is for two (2) years with the possibility of renewing the contract for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. Funding is currently available in the Fire Department's operational budget and funding for additional contract terms are subject to future budget appropriations.
62. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Motorola Inc., through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$69,002.75 for the purchase of twenty-five (25) portable radios for the Police Department. Funding is available in the 2013 PPFCO Bond.
63. Consideration to award contract number FY14-026 to Enterprise Rent-A-

Car to provide rental vehicles for the Laredo Police Department. Approximately seven (7) to fifteen (15) vehicles are secured for use by the Auto Theft Task Force Grant working with the Police Department. The term of this contract is for a twenty four (24) month period and is contingent upon continued funding in future fiscal years. Funding is currently available in the Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force contractual services, "Rental of Equipment" line item budget.

64. Consideration to award contract FY14-018 to Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Caldwell, Texas in the amount of \$52,445.00 for the purchase of one (1) Suburban for the Airport Department. Funding for this purchase is available in the Airport Department Fund.
65. Consideration to award annual contract FY14-024 to the low bidder Hasslebein Tire Southwest, San Antonio, Texas in an amount up to \$230,000.00 for the purchase of police pursuit tires and regular passenger tires for all City vehicles. All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
66. Consideration to renew the existing annual contracts FY13-021 for the purchase of tractor and heavy equipment tires currently awarded to:
 1. Southern Tire Mart, L.L.C., Dallas, Texas in an amount up to \$85,000.00; and
 2. GCR Tire Centers, Nashville, Tennessee in an amount up to \$40,000.00.

Contracts will be awarded to a primary and secondary vendor in order to provide the City of Laredo with a supply of tires for a one (1) year period. All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

67. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY13-019 for the purchase of truck tires currently awarded to Southern Tire Mart, L.L.C., Dallas, Texas in an amount up to \$250,000.00. All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
68. Consideration to renew annual contract FY12-019 currently awarded to Southern Tire Mart, Dallas, Texas in an amount up to \$161,128.00 for the purchase of recapped tires for the City's fleet vehicles. All recapped tires will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
69. Consideration to renew existing contract FY13-007 for the purchase of Ford Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) automotive parts for the City's fleet

vehicles to the following vendors:

1. Sames Motor Company, Laredo, Texas in an estimated amount up to \$90,000.00; and
2. Gillie Hyde Ford Lincoln, Glasgow, Kentucky in an amount up to \$10,000.00.

All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

70. Consideration to authorize a contract renewal for bid FY13-024 awarded to the low bidder, Industrial Property Brokers, Laredo, Texas in the estimated annual amount of \$437,000.00 for the purchase and delivery of approximately 100,000 cubic yards of earthen soils to the City's Solid Waste facility. The Solid Waste Department will use these soils to cover the landfill cells on a weekly basis in accordance to TCEQ requirements. All materials will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
71. Consideration to renew contract FY11-050 currently awarded to Texas Land Reclamation, L.L.C., d/b/a: UTW Tire Collection Services, Laredo Texas in the estimated annual amount of \$85,000.00, for the removal and disposal of used passenger vehicle tires delivered to the Solid Waste facility. This is the last renewal opportunity for this contract. Approximately 1,000 tons of used tires are disposed in a twelve (12) month period. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services budget.
72. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program pricing to Reliance Truck & Equipment, San Antonio, Texas for the purchase of two (2) refuse rear loader bodies in the amount \$137,680.00. Funding is available from the Solid Waste Department fund.
73. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$93,573.68 for the purchase of one (1) bucket service truck for the Traffic Department utilizing BuyBoard Cooperative Program pricing. Funding is available from 2013 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation bond proceeds.
74. Consideration to award supply contract FY14-011 to the sole bidder, Century Asphalt, Houston, Texas in an estimated amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purchase of tack coat emulsified asphalt oil used for street paving projects. The asphalt oils are purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Public Works and Utilities Departments construction projects budgets.

75. Consideration to amend contract FY11-015 in an amount up to \$600,000.00 for the purchase of water and wastewater treatment chemicals used in the treatment process for the Utilities Department. Contracts are currently awarded to the following vendors:

1. Praxair Distribution, Laredo, Texas
2. DPC Industries, Corpus Christi, Texas
3. General Chemical, Paris, New Jersey
4. Polydyne Inc., Riceboro, Georgia
5. Altivia Corp., Houston, Texas
6. Brenntag Southwest, Elmendorf, Texas

Funding is available in the Water and Wastewater Treatment Division's operating budgets.

76. Consideration to award a contract to Holt Caterpillar, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$206,250.00 for the purchase of one (1) excavator for use by the Utilities Department utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract; and it is requested that the purchase authorization granted on November 26, 2013 for the purchase of one (1), Holt 349 EL excavator from Holt Caterpillar, in the total amount of \$401,364.00 be rescinded. The excavator authorized for purchase on November 26, 2013 was a much larger machine that is needed by the Utilities Department for their construction and repair projects. Funding is available from the Utilities Department fund.

77. Authorization to ratify City Manager's approval for contribution in aid of construction cost in the amount of \$75,732.10 for the El Pico Water Treatment Plant street lighting to AEP - Texas Central Company. Funding is available under Project Bond 2010 funds.

78. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the testing and laboratory services contract in the amount of \$152,241.54 to Howland Engineering and Surveying Co., Laredo, Texas for the El Pico Water Treatment Plant project. The original contract sum was \$619,435.00. With this amendment the total new contract amount is \$771,676.54. Funding is available in the 2010 Revenue Bond.

79. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$116,578.00 to Gilpin Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas for engineering and surveying to develop construction plans, specifications, bid documents, as-built drawings and cost estimates for the 16" - 24" Water Main from Beltway Parkway to Border Drive connecting the Unitec Industrial Park water distribution system to the Flying "J" and Travel Center Industrial Park. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue

Bond Line Rehabilitation.

80. Consideration for acceptance, release of retainage, approval of warranty letter, approval of change order No. 1, a credit in the amount of \$5,310.00 for an adjusted total contract amount of \$136,190.00, and a final payment in the amount of \$6,809.50 to Proshot Concrete, Inc., Florence, Alabama for the Flores Ave. Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Funding is available in the 2013 Sewer Rehabilitation Revenue Bond.
81. Consideration for approval of change order No. 2 in the amount of \$115,099.37 to Pedal Valves, Inc., for the installation of approximately 65,000 Automatic Water Meter Reading Devices (AMI/AMR System). This change order allows for additional work and services to install meters. Funding is from existing and contingent on future bond sales and appropriations as indicated in the original contract approved on March 18, 2013.
82. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$203,000.00 to Gilpin Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas for engineering and surveying to develop construction documents, specifications, bid documents, as-built drawings and cost estimates for the 24" Wastewater Line from Loop 20 to Heritage Park Subdivision. Funding is available in the 2013 Sewer Revenue Bond.
83. Authorizing City Manager to award and execute the construction contract to the lowest bidder Vision Construction Co., Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$4,505,352.43 for the construction of Jefferson WTP Administration and Learning Center Project. Construction time is two hundred fifty (250) working days for final completion. Funding is available in the Utilities Construction Projects/Jefferson WTP-Admin Bldg. Bonds.
84. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 2, to the contract with Metaform Studio Architects of Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$136,044.00 for a total amount of \$281,644.00 to perform additional services for the design of a Water Education and Learning Center in the Administration Building of Jefferson Water Treatment Plant. Funding is available in the Jefferson WTP Admin Building Account.
85. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 5 to the Engineering Services contract with Dannenbaum Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$1,028,586.76 for a new total amount of \$9,378,162.99 to provide additional special services for Construction Engineering, Operations and Maintenance (O & M) Manual and Project Start-Up Services for the new 20 MGD El Pico Water Treatment Plant in northwest Laredo. Funding is available in the 2008 & 2009 Utility Bond.

86. Consideration to authorize a construction agreement with AEP, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$64,788.37 to replace a total of one hundred twenty-four (124) high pressure sodium vapor (HPSV) street lights with (Light Emitting Diode) LED street lights which are much more energy efficient, within District III and District IV, as part of an LED street light pilot project recently approved by City Council. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O., 2009 C.O., and 2010 C.O. bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Recognizing Ms. Nereyda Benavides on her 57 years of service for Brennan & Company and the company's 100th Anniversary.

Mayor and City Council congratulated Nereyda Benavides and presented her with a certificate of recognition.

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Presentation by Ms. Nora E. Murillo, Homeless Education Liaison at United Independent School District (UISD), on its McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (Homeless Program).

Elia Juarez gave a presentation before Mayor and City Council.

UISD Federal & State Compensatory Programs
Title X, Part C, McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance
Improvement Act (McKinney-Vento)

McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

- Title X, Part C -The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act is the law that governs the education of children and youth in homeless situations and requires school districts to assure policies and practices, personnel and transportation for youth who are homeless.
- This act was reauthorized in January 2002, and became effective July 1, 2002.
- The law is NOT tied to income
- Establishing the housing situation and the living situation constitute the core of the eligibility criteria.

- The law bridges students to success by requiring school districts to:
 - Identification – Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ)
 - Enrollment - Immediate
 - Attendance – school of origin
 - Academic Success – provide needed services

Federal Title I, Part A Provisions

- Title I requires that districts provide services for children and youth who live in homeless situations.
- Homeless students are automatically eligible for Title I services, even if the school they attend is not a Title I school.
- The district is obligated to set aside funds and make plans to care for homeless children and youth.

Statistics for Webb County

- South Texas counties comprise the majority of the counties with the highest child poverty rates. Nearly half of the children in Webb County are living in poverty, according to statistics released by the Center for Public Policy Priorities. Webb county ranks 8th among the 10 counties with the highest rates of child poverty. Webb is at 43.9% which is approximately 38,900 children in the county, that are living in poverty.
- The definition of Homelessness under McKinney- Vento: children and youth who lack a fixed regular, and adequate nighttime residence are homeless.
- Did you know Homelessness exists among school aged students?
- Did you know that some students don't know where they are Sleeping Tonight?
- Did you know that one in 20 Texas children don't know where their next meal is coming from?
- For many years, our image of a homeless person was that of a single, older man living on the streets.
- But for UISD students, these are some of the conditions they live in:
 - As many as 337,000 Texas students experience homelessness during the year. Texas ranks 50th in the number of homeless children.
 - During the 2012-2013 school year, UISD serviced 382 students and this school year we have identified and serviced, to date, 195 students (there are probably more, but because of the stigma many families do not want to be identified)

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Community Development Director Ronnie Acosta reported that the City of Laredo did assist the homeless by partnering with Bethany House, Casa de Misericordia and Catholic Social Services. She added that this year the city had received \$244,000 from emergency shelter assistance to help those at risk of becoming homeless or those actually homeless to receive rapid re-housing. She went on to say that they had provided \$400,000 to Bethany House, \$200,000 from CDBG and \$200,000 from the Home Grant towards construction of the Barbara Kazen Center for Hope, including nine transitional housing units in addition to the eight transitional housing units already there. She concluded that Municipal Housing had 146 units of housing in addition to 300 units rented for the Airport Noise Program with very affordable rents.

Cm. Garza stated that he would like to start a committee with different agencies to present ideas to Council.

2. Discussion with possible action to consider supporting the Boys Scouts in a Soap Box Derby Competition.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Esteban Rangel

1. Presentation by David Vasquez, Event Coordinator, on the 2014 Border Beer Fest, with possible action.

David Vasquez stated that they were in their third year of this event. He thanked the City of Laredo, especially Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, for their support. He also thanked the City Manager's office, the Parks and Leisure Services Department and Blasita Lopez with the Convention and Visitors Bureau. He explained that the event was to teach people about beer, including how to make it, and that it would include music, entertainment and great food. He concluded that it would be held on February 1, 2014 at the

Civic Center starting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Status report with possible action on establishing property boundaries at the neighborhood located on McDonald Street between Jaime Zapata Hwy. and Highway 359, and any related matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel stated that his main concern was that this was in the middle of the city of Laredo and that there were families without utilities and sewers.

Diana Gomez reported that they had been paying taxes for thirty years with no sewer or water services. She asked how much longer they needed to wait.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that the property needed to be platted because it was private property. He explained that once it was platted, surveyed and dedicated, they could take care of the utilities and would also pave the street; however, they could not do work on private property that was not dedicated.

Community Development Director Ronnie Acosta reported that when the properties were transferred over, the metes and bounds were not cleared. They had not been able to delineate what was right-of-way. She explained that Legal had advised them that, in order to move forward, the individuals needed to plat their properties so that the city could come in and provide those improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel suggested meeting with them to see what they could come up with as a recommendation for the families to expediate this issue.

City Attorney Raul Casso said that the big obstacle right now was the subdivision being unplatted, and it was against the law to provide utilities to an unplatted subdivision. He added that they would be happy to meet with them.

Motion to meet with the City Attorney, the City Manager and Community Development Director Ronnie Acosta to see what recommendations they can come up with.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Council Member Juan Narvaez

1. Presentation on the Christmas "Toy Drive" give away.

A video of the event was shown.

Motion to extend the time of the Council meeting by 15 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza, Cm. Vela and Cm. San Miguel were not present.

E. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action on the preparation of a report regarding the top 10 jobs most in demand within the City limits of Laredo, including starting and average pay.

Rogelio Treviño, Executive Director for Workforce Solutions for South Texas, reported that their plan identified growth industries in Laredo that they had approved in which to invest training dollars. The top ten jobs were: 1) Child Support Technician; 2) Medical Eligibility Specialist; 3) Trailer Inspector; 4) Pricing Analyst; 5) Cabler; 6) Security Officer/Gate Guard; 7) Forklift Operator; 8) Office Clerk; 9) CPS Investigation Worker; 10) Medical Biller.

Motion to extend the time limit for the Council meeting by 15 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

F. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Recognizing the Venegas family for winning the North American Grappling Association (NAGA) 2013 National Championship.

Mayor and City Council congratulated Mr. Venegas who had been doing this for five years. He explained that he trained these youngsters, including a young lady who could not wrestle with other young ladies since there were so few females in the sport.

2. Discussion with possible action on directing the City Attorney to pursue legal process as necessary to convert the position of Judge of the Municipal Court from an elected position to that of an appointed official by the City Council effective after the completion of the 2014 term of office.

Cm. Vera stated that, as this was an item that would go through a referendum, he wanted to disseminate the proper information so that City Council could make a good decision. He added that they were still missing

some vital information.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

G. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo

1. Discussion with possible action to support the National Women's History Month Event by co-sponsoring the event with Webb County Commissioner, Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina and Webb County District Clerk, Esther Degollado.

Cm. Liendo announced that she was co-sponsoring an event that would not use city funds to support National Women's History Month on March 25th with a theme of Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment. She explained that it would include a "shadow day" for girls to shadow women in different occupations. She asked for a link of the city's website to download the application.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez and Cm. Narvaez were not present.

88. Authorizing the City Manager to waive the parking fees at the El Metro Transit Center Parking Facility located at 1301 Farragut Street on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for persons attending the annual UETA Jamboozie Festival sponsored by the Laredo Main Street and Streets of Laredo Urban Mall Association. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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89. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the first ranked firm, RouteMatch Software, for RFP FY1 4-005, Automated Demand Response Transportation Management System for the El Lift Department in the amount of \$152,396.00 with two (2) year Support and Maintenance for a grand total \$202,106.00. This is for the purchase and installation of a Paratransit Dispatch Software which includes hardware, software licenses and maintenance. Funding is available under the TxDOT New Freedom Grant# 51322F7169. (Approved by Finance & Operations Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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XVI. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council and adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Liendo
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 6

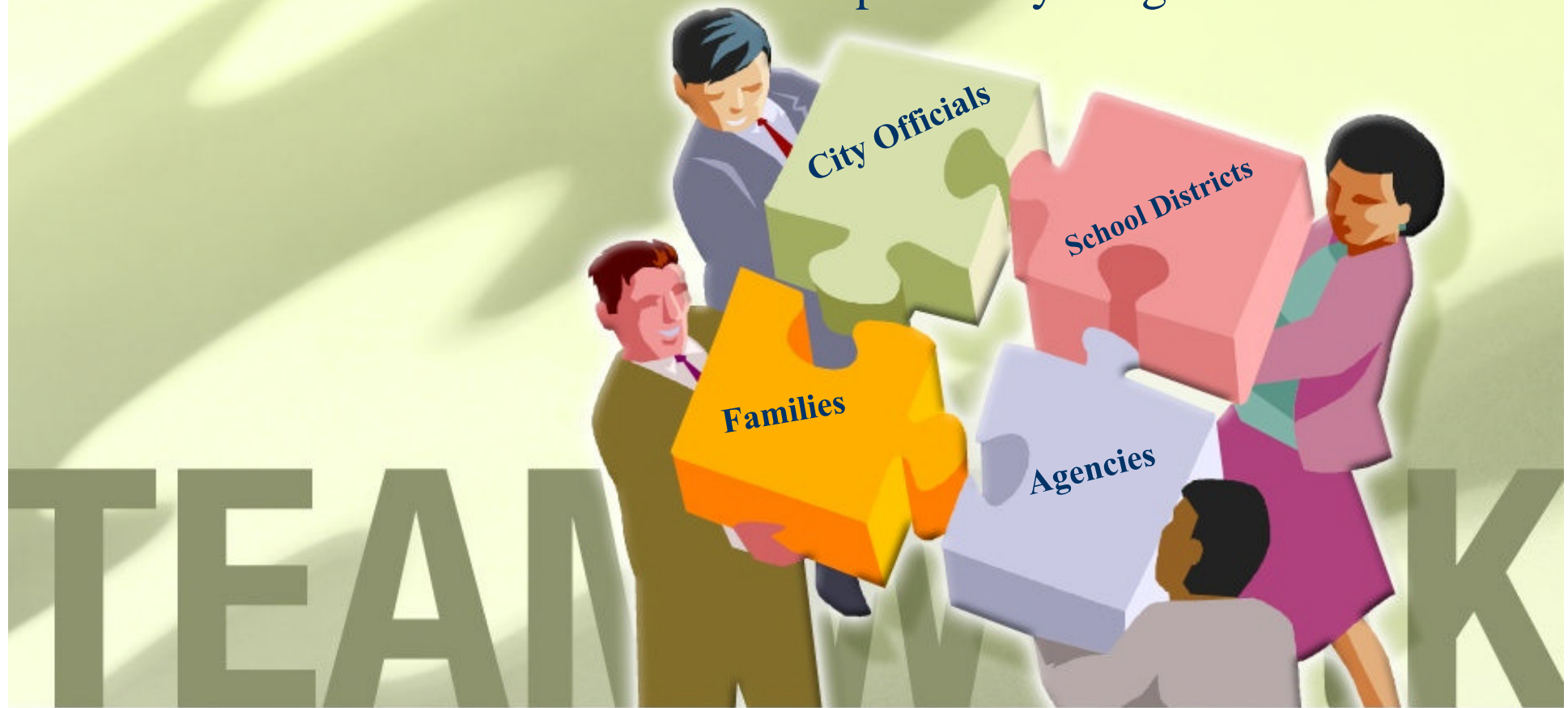
Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 to 39 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on January 21, 2014.

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UISD Federal & State Compensatory Programs



Title X, Part C, McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act (McKinney-Vento)

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McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

- Title X, Part C -The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act is the law that governs the education of children and youth in homeless situations and requires school districts to assure policies and practices, personnel and transportation for youth who are homeless.
- This act was reauthorized in January 2002, and became effective July 1, 2002.



McKinney- Vento

- The law is NOT tied to income
- Establishing the housing situation and the living situation constitute the core of the eligibility criteria.
- The law bridges students to success by requiring school districts to:
 - Identification – Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ)
 - Enrollment - Immediate
 - Attendance – school of origin
 - Academic Success – provide needed services



Federal Title I, Part A Provisions

- Title I requires that districts provide services for children and youth who live in homeless situations.
- Homeless students are automatically eligible for Title I services, even if the school they attend is not a Title I school.
- The district is obligated to set aside funds and make plans to care for homeless children and youth.



Statistics for Webb County

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McKinney-Vento

The definition of Homelessness under
McKinney- Vento:

children and youth who lack a
fixed
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Did you know Homelessness
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Did you know that some
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Did you know that one in
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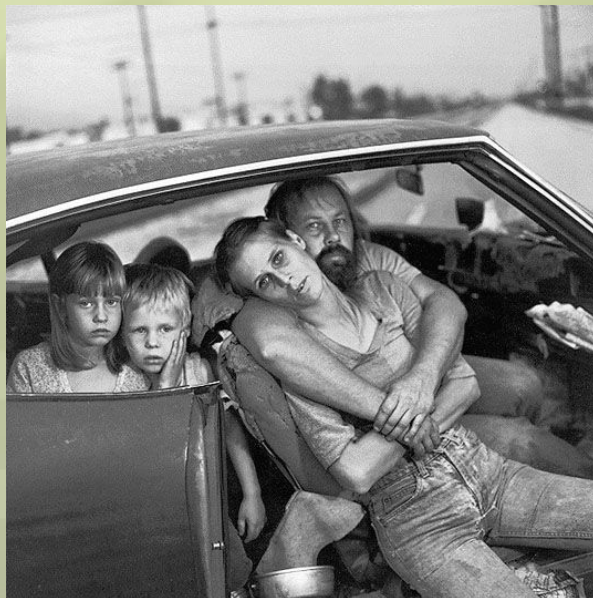


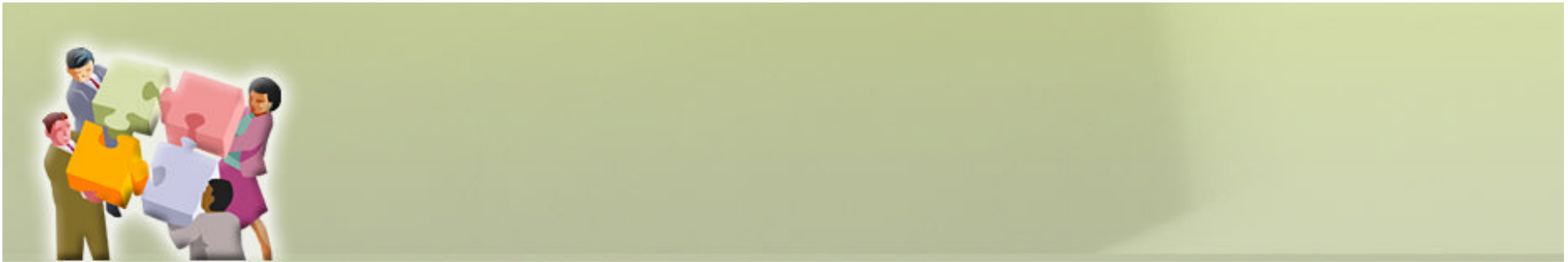


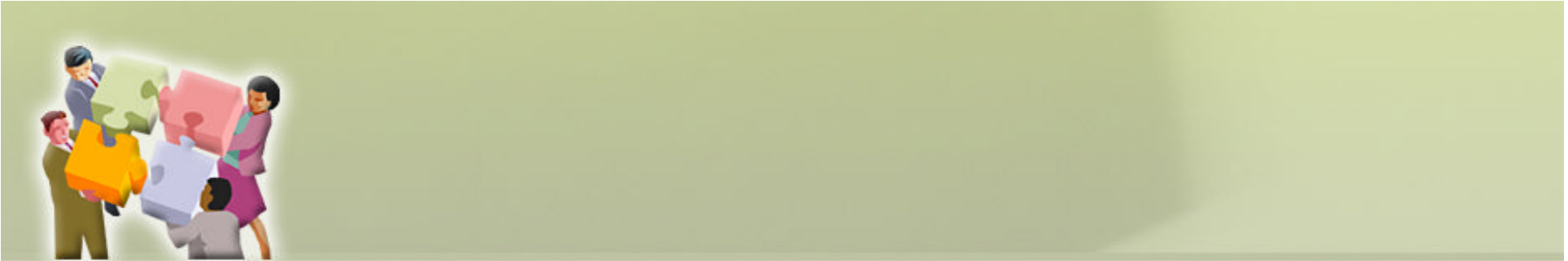
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Casa Misericordia







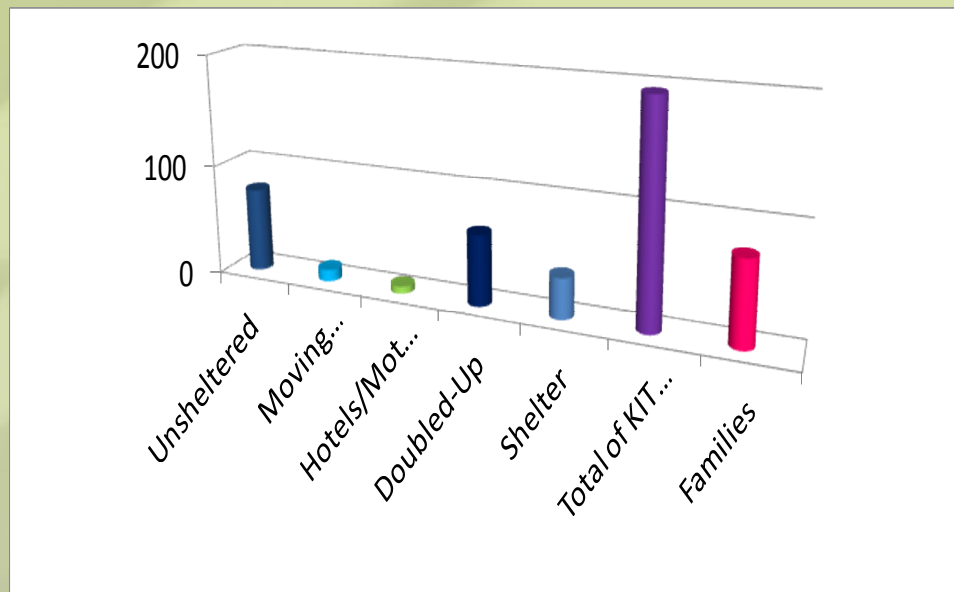


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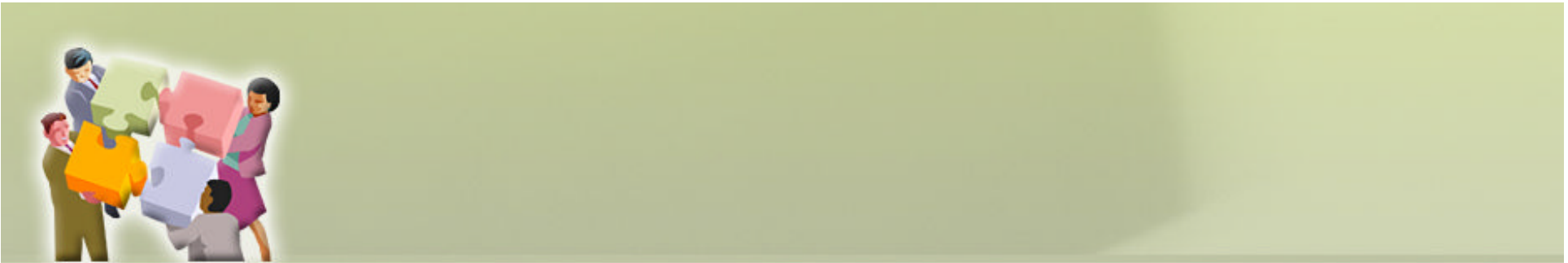


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